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DayDEATH OF A  
NEWSPAPER

SO the News Chronicle and the Star are dead. London will not seem the same without them. The old London cry, "Star 'n' Standard," and "News" will no longer be heard on the streets, and many a cockney to whom these papers were as familiar a sight, and as much part of the London scene as Big Ben, must feel that the old things are passing away for ever.

For with these papers goes a part, not only of London history, nor even of national history, but international history. Who is there who has not heard of Charles Dickens? In the year 1846, he sat down in the editorial chair of the Daily News to launch that newspaper, forerunner of the News Chronicle. What would he think of the deliberate suppression of a paper whose circulation would have staggered his fertile imagination: 1,162,194.

And the Star, established by that great fighter, T. P. O'Connor in 1888, the man who thundered out Gladstone's policy. What would he say of the eclipse of the Star with a circulation of over a million?

BUT it is not a matter of sentiment only; first there is the question of the former readers of the News Chronicle and the Star; second, the plight of the editorial staff and printing staff who suddenly find themselves thrown out of employment.

Overnight (and that is not a literary conceit) a newspaper ceased to exist. That newspaper was the articulate voice of a public whose views upon life and affairs were best expressed by the News Chronicle, for a newspaper at its best is an advocate for its readers, one who pleads their cause when and where they are unable to plead their own.

A newspaper at its best is the collective voice of the people it represents; it speaks out against injustice in high places, abuse of privilege, and infringement of rights. It debunks the pompous and elevates the humble; it honours where no other means of honour is obtainable, and admonishes where the hand of justice cannot reach.

CAN we then, with this in mind, stand aside idly and take it as a matter of course when a great newspaper is made over in a take-over bid, as if it were of no greater importance than a toffee-apple factory? Then there is the editorial staff. Apart from their private circumstances, they are men trained in the Liberal traditions of the News Chronicle. A good journalist cannot cheat. He can, for quite a time, deceive his public. But his writing is good only so long as he believes in what he writes.

'More room  
for HK  
pedestrians'

The Federation of Hong-kong Industries has asked Government to prepare a comprehensive plan for the city of Victoria and not one confined to the Dockyard, city centre and reclaimed areas.

The new plan, the Federation said in a memorandum to Government, released to the Press today, should have these features:

A central park area which would also include the Hong-kong Cricket Club Ground in a new, re-located position. Wider pavements, and narrower roads, west of Ice House street because of the heavy pedestrian traffic.

**PEAK TRAM EXTENSION**  
Extension of the Peak tram lower terminus to Queen's-road. An imposing industrial Centre built on the Hong-kong waterfront near the Star Ferry.

Decentralisation of Government departments. Resting of the Supreme Court on one of the new reclamations—"It must be designed as a really beautiful building, to lend interest to the waterfront and the architectural scene."

Establishment of the new G. P. O. in Kowloon with a revolving centre in the city. The Central Market should be moved from its present position or kept there and have a car park incorporated with it.

The Federation which made its proposals in reply to a Government plan for the development of the city area following the handback of Dockyard lands to the Colony, calls for short-term (10-15 years) loans from abroad to finance the rebuilding of the city.

A NEW RADICAL  
NEWSPAPER?

London, Oct. 23. The action committee of journalists formerly employed by the Liberal News Chronicle, which was absorbed by the Conservative Daily Mail last week, said in a statement tonight that "public, political and financial support" was growing for the idea of a new radical daily newspaper for Britain.

Several potential backers had said they would like to discuss the project this week, the statement added.

The committee said such a paper, designed to fill the vacuum left by the News Chronicle's death, would be along entirely new lines, catering for all radicals and providing a forum for every shade of left of centre opinion—*Reuters*.

WRECKAGE OF 'LEAKY TIKI'  
SIGHTED IN MID-PACIFIC

San Francisco, Oct. 23. Scattered wreckage believed to be that of a raft missing for 11 days on an attempt to drift across the Pacific from San Francisco to Australia, was sighted in mid-ocean today, 100 miles south-west of here.

There was no sign of any of the three men who started on the raft, which they called "Leaky Tiki."

A Coastguard plane, sent out after this report, radioed sighting what appeared to be the wreckage of a cabin 10 miles away. Then another fishing boat in the area reported finding two cased pontoons jolted by the remnants of a green-painted deck.

A Coastguard cutter is on the way to make a positive identification.

Destruction  
by surprise  
eliminated

From CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, Oct. 24.

Underground arsenals, to be stock continuously with British H-bombs, are being built in Cyprus, Aden, Singapore and East Africa.

This is the secret behind Government's new plan for dispersing Britain's V-bombers to avoid destruction on the ground by sudden attack.

Jet-bombers will rotate between Britain and the arsenals so that the Russians will never be certain where the bombers are, and H-bombs will be ready for the planes immediately they touch down at any of the bases.

The stocks of bombs will be big enough to destroy many Russian cities if Britain should ever be attacked.

The bombs will be replaced by Blue Steel flying H-bombs when these are available. Later the new arsenals will be stocked with the U.S. Skybolt rocket-bomb which is to replace the Blue Steel.

The arsenals are the reason why the Government has been confident that stocks of Skybolt, which is to be carried by the British V-bombers, will not be so vulnerable to ground attack.

But the plan to have such arsenals at all is certain to be violently opposed by the Socialists because it puts Britain in the same position as America in having H-bomb bases overseas.

## Criticism

The plan is also expected to cause loud criticism in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

The Cabinet has decided to authorise these arsenals for three reasons:

• Some action to increase the "credibility" of a British independent deterrent was essential because of the rapidly growing array of Russian rockets in East Germany aimed at RAF airfields. The cost of the only alternative plan, a constant alert with one-third of the bombers always in the air, was prohibitive.

• Britain's stockpile of H-bombs is now big enough for supplies to be spread for overseas bases. Enough extra Blue Steels and Skybolts are to be provided.

• Once the bombs have been delivered to the bases, British planes will no longer have to carry them on every flight. This avoids the difficulty of flying over foreign territory while carrying nuclear weapons.

The bombs have already been sent to some of the bases.

The bases are to be strongly protected by anti-aircraft guided missiles, probably Bloodhounds, and well-armed ground forces.

Each is to be built up so that it can accommodate large numbers of extra troops at short notice.

These troops will be based in Britain, but will also be rotated about the world on frequent exercises.

The cost of the project will be heavy because storage depots for H-bombs require careful temperature control and other special facilities.

## No comment

The atomic charges in existing H-bombs can be re-worked to form warheads of the Blue Steel, and these in turn can be used again for the Skybolt—*London Express Service*.

According to *Reuters*, a Ministry of Defence spokesman in London said "we are not prepared to make any comment."

A Government report on defence this year said that the readiness of others in Britain would be improved, and their dispersal increased. Measures would be taken, it added, to make the bombers operationally easy to deploy overseas.

The Ministry of Defence said last February, in reply to a question, that there was no intention to stockpile atomic weapons in Cyprus.

## Explosion on New York ferry

'SUNDAY BOMBER'  
STRIKES AGAIN

New York, Oct. 23.

A bomb exploded and shook a ferryboat as it docked at Staten Island today—the fourth bomb explosion in this city during the past month.

The bomb exploded in the women's cabin of the ferryboat, "Knickerbocker," as it was crossing from the Battery at the southern tip of Manhattan Island to St. George, Staten Island.

Police said that according to first reports no one had been injured.

## SMALL HOLE

A small hole was blasted through the deck of the ferry by the explosion, police reported.

Today's blast was the fourth in New York City this month. All three earlier bomb attacks occurred in Manhattan: Two of the bombs went off in the Times Square area—one beneath a statue and the other in a subway station; the third exploded outside the New York public library.

New York Police believe the explosions have been set off by a "mad bomber," and are investigating the earlier bombings were rushed to Staten Island tonight to seek clues.

The original "Mad Bomber" was 25-year-old George Metesky, who was arrested in January 1957, and subsequently admitted to planting 32 bombs in theatres and other places in New York.

## THE HONGKONG GOLD MARKET RE-OPENS

Prices drop slightly, but  
still above average

Hongkong's gold market opened this morning with bids of \$266 a tael—a drop of four points from Friday's high of \$270 following the frantic rush on London market.

Shouting soldiers roam the streets

CONGO'S REIGN  
OF TERROR

Leopoldville, Oct. 23.

Congolese troops today took over in the African quarter of Leopoldville after a clash last night between civilians and soldiers in which several people were reported killed and wounded.

The troops, screaming and shouting, spread fear and confusion among passers-by as they toured the quarter in lorries mounted with machine guns.

They ripped together some civilians and bundled them into trucks, tore up identity papers and threatened pedestrians with their rifles.

Europeans driving into the quarter were stopped and made to get out of their cars by soldiers who, they said, appeared to be drunk.

## TOTTERING

The grey-shirted police of the Leopoldville Provincial Governor, Cleophas Kamitatu, remained on the streets. No United Nations troops were to be seen.

Police guarding Mr. Kamitatu's house said last night's clash occurred near the university between supporters of Mr. Patrice Lumumba and armed units. They said 10 civilians were killed.

Meanwhile, Colonel Joseph Mobutu, his control over his

troops apparently slipping, flew on an inspection trip to Coquilhatville, about 330 miles to the northwest.

Colonel Mobutu's political opponents here have taken steps towards a return to power by Mr. Patrice Lumumba as the Congolese five-week-old regime appeared to be tottering.

The Leopoldville Provincial Governor, Mr. Cleophas Kamitatu, long regarded as a Lumumba supporter, has said he would meet Mr. Lumumba and President Joseph Kasavubu to try to find a solution to the crisis.

But by late this afternoon neither Mr. Kasavubu nor Mr. Lumumba had received Governor Kamitatu.

Colonel Mobutu, expected to return to Leopoldville tomorrow is due to fly to New York on Tuesday, but he has not yet received a United States visa for the trip.

## SMALLPOX

If Colonel Mobutu goes to New York, Lieutenant Colonel Louis Boboko, Commander of the Thysville Garrison, some 60 miles from Leopoldville, will take his place. Colonel Mobutu has already brought in several armoured units from Thysville.

Meanwhile, the United Nations reported that in Lubumbashi, capital of Kasai Province, that 23 people suffering from advanced smallpox had died from hospital into the bush—creating a serious danger of a spread of the disease.

To celebrate United Nations Day tomorrow, church services of all denominations were held in 15 places of worship in Leopoldville today. UN officials and troops attended the services, at which special prayers were said for peace and the UN.

A military parade will take place tomorrow. Mr. Kasavubu, Mr. Lumumba and Colonel Mobutu are among the Congolese leaders invited to a reception in the evening.

Meanwhile, newspapers here have continued to appear regularly despite a publication ban by Mr. Kamitatu. Yesterday he threatened the arrest of all people found reading or selling them—*Reuters*.

The Press were harassed when Africans held in "re-education" camps appeared at Salisbury trials, at Salisbury.

Nevertheless today's opening price is still about 10 points higher than the average before the recent wave of speculation in London.

Sellers today asked as much as \$268, but several thousand tael changed hands at \$266 in the first hour.

Observers said Hongkong's gold price will look to the world market for its trend. Mr. Yung Ngan-ling, Chairman of the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange Society, told the China Mail this morning that deals were concluded in London at US\$46.8 per ounce today.

## HIGHER

"This is still higher than the official price of US\$46 and is equivalent to a price of \$260 on Hongkong market," he said.

"The price in Hongkong won't fall below \$260 unless the U.S. dumps gold on the London market."

"However, Hongkong bullion dealers expect more than two weeks of fluctuations before the price settles down," he continued.

"Buyers are eager to do business, but sellers would hold back, adopting a 'wait and see' policy."

"There is an uneasy trend prevailing in the market. But a lot depends on Europe."

Earlier Mr. Yung attributed the gold rush to reluctance in selling on the part of gold mines.

## CLAMOUR

"They have long clamoured for a rise, and their troubles have been a higher cost of production and transport."

"Nevertheless there will be no harm to Hongkong, for ours is a stable currency just like the pound sterling."

The effect of the London gold "rush" on overseas gold here has been virtually to stop all sales except for wedding presents.

"People are not buying, or selling," said a goldsmith shop spokesman. "Buyers fear a drop, and sellers fear a further rise."

Ornament gold is tagged at \$290 per tael (60 per cent pure) today compared with the peak of \$320 last Saturday after the bullion (94.5 per cent pure) rose to \$285 on the unofficial market.

FILM  
STAR  
LOSES  
FURS

London, Oct. 23.

War Minister John Profumo's film star wife Valerie Hobson, was robbed of her fur during a weekend fair, while she and her husband were touring his Stratford-on-Avon constituency.

The furs, believed to include a mink coat and stole were taken from their beautiful home overlooking Regent's Park in Central London.

The total extent of the robbery will not be known until the Minister and his wife return from his constituency.

## THE RAID

The raid was discovered by a governess who noticed the chain holding the front door was broken. There was no other sign of forcible entry.

The thief is believed to have used a skeleton key, broken the chain—and then gone straight to the couple's bedroom without going to any other room in the house.

Mr. Profumo was attending a dance in his constituency when he was told by his butler of the theft.—*AFP*.

WINE GLASS SOLD  
FOR £780

London, Oct. 23.

A Jacobite wine glass was sold for £780 at a sale of works of art at Sotheby's.

It was among a unique collection of old English drinking vessels put up for auction.

A wine glass bearing a portrait of Prince Charles Edward came under the hammer for £270 and a Newcastle goblet engraved with Baeuch astride a barrel was knocked down at £160—*China Mail Special*.

## Dies in useless rescue bid

Flint, Oct. 23.

A father of three children was burned to death today when he ran into a burning house in the mistaken belief that someone was trapped inside.

Sherman Pollard, 24, of Flint, Michigan, was at a party when one of the guests spotted the fire in a nearby home. A companion suggested that perhaps there were people trapped by the blaze.

Pollard ran to the house, rushed through the flames and fell to the basement as the floor collapsed. Firemen said there was no one in the house. It had been unoccupied.—*AP*.

## "Unemployed hoodlums"

## POLICE ARREST 478 IN SOUTH RHODESIA

Salisbury, Oct. 23. Police said tonight that 478 "unemployed hoodlums" had been arrested in a two-day sweep made under new emergency measures.

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# Weekly survey of American economy

## A GENERAL DECREASE

### London gold shares gain

London, Oct. 23. The mid-week "gold rush" and its soaring prices, that had the metal changing hands at a peak of 290/- (US\$40.60) an ounce, spilled over into the stock market to electricity gold mining issues.

The leaders spurred under keen buying on Thursday. Jumps of around 10/- showed demand had caught up with short of stock and, incidentally, since current holders are hard-core investors little disposed to sell.

When the gold bubble deflated on Friday, on the U.S. statement on maintenance of the \$35 price, the high-grade producers fell back. But the low-grade, held firm. The spurt in gold pushed the Financial Times gold shares index up to 100, making the biggest gain since 1955. Prices ended well above their pre-boom levels.

**BUOYANT**

Industrial stocks staged a mixed performance but stores strode up under buoyant demand to set new highs in the view they are well placed to withstand any recession. Steels improved on news of more expansion plans and the long-term outlook for the industry, which has not yet really felt the effects of cutbacks in car output. Motors edged higher. Helped by the motor show.

Official statements inferring little change ahead for Britain's credit squeeze and the market in more subdued mood on Friday and prices eased.

Over the week, the Financial Times Industrial Index lost 2.0 points to end at 253 with a 1.0-point fall on Saturday accounting for much of the decline.

Grill-edged met demand some of which dealers said was on foreign account.

Dullness marked Germans, Greeks and Chinese in the foreign bonds sector. Dollar stocks decreased.

Oil saw-sawed but ended low. Coppers weakened but selected this week ahead. Rubbers ended lower but teas were virtually unchanged.—UPI.

### Big increase in U.S. investments in Malaya

By Gordon Hung

Kuala Lumpur, Oct. 23.

American private investment in the Federation and Singapore last year totalled US\$135 million — an increase of nearly 200 per cent since 1950.

It was \$30 million more than the 1957 figure. The end of 1961 will see this figure further boosted, according to the U.S. Embassy here.

The increase in American investments in both places is in line with the general increase of private U.S. investments in foreign countries.

According to a report just completed by the U.S. Department of Commerce, American private investments abroad totalled \$20,000 million mark in 1959.

Eastman Kodak has just completed a film processing plant and laboratory in Singapore and Penang and Goodrich had considerable holdings in the two territories.

Several American firms have announced plans for substantial new investments.

#### NEW BUILDINGS

The American International Assurance Company is planning to invest \$10 million in new buildings in Kuala Lumpur and Penang. The company also has a 10-story building under construction in Kuala Lumpur.

### Car production is the only bright spot

New York, Oct. 23.

New car production was the only bright spot in the United States economy this past week. As official statistics revealed a sharp decline in new home construction, a decline in industrial production and a third-quarter drop in gross national product (GNP).

Automobile makers, encouraged by the good sales of new 1961 models (figures for the first three months of October were the best since the all-time high in 1955) went into heavy overtime scheduling of production which will push output this past week to a nine-month high of about 1,020,000 units.

Dealers delivered 1,070,000 new cars in the first three months of October, an average of 19,625 for each of the eight selling days. This sales mark was eight per cent better than year-ago figures.

Even here, though, there was a cloud on the horizon. Car makers are expected to reach 1,000,000 units, while announced schedules by manufacturers will assemble about 1,000,000 vehicles to the unsold stocks (1960 models) of about 850,000 cars, or a worrisome backlog of about a million unsold new cars on November 1.

#### RAIL STRIKES

U.S. Government figures for the nation's overall business activity, the total output of goods and services called GNP, showed a third-quarter decline to an annual rate of \$503-billion, down from the record annual rate of \$505-billion in April-May-June. In the first quarter of this year the GNP stood at an annual rate of \$501.3-billion.

The September slump was caused in part by rail strikes, which affected output of material and business equipment, and in part by failure of the steel mills to show

their usual seasonal increase. Output of consumer goods changed little.

New home construction dropped 17 per cent from August figures, which had shown a slight pickup from previous months, and was 29 per cent under year-ago figures.

The Commerce Department said work was started in September on 103,400 housing units, 97,800 of them privately financed. This brought the annual rate down to 1,077,000, a lowest rate in the 21 months covered by the new statistical series on housing starts.

#### U.S. CAMPAIGN

These economic statistics were of particular importance now during the U.S. presidential campaign. The Administration, with Vice President Nixon, aspires to replace President Eisenhower, argues that there is recession in American business and that in fact it is in excellent shape. The opposition Democratic Party says that the economy is in recession and that the Eisenhower Administration is doing nothing about it.

On the matter of housing start drops, the Republicans promptly charged that it was the fault of Sen. Kennedy and other Democrats, who have caused campaign promises which have caused Americans to hold off on home-buying. These promises include lower interest rates and some direct government housing loans.

Actually, nobody in politics freely uses the word "recession." The party in power, the Republicans, naturally won't say things are slow under their administration and the Democrats, sometimes criticised as "glib and doom" critics, are most careful. So the Republicans say business is at "high level stagnation."

#### FAVOURABLE

The official Eisenhower Administration view, expressed by Secretary of the Treasury Mr. Anderson, is that business has been adapting itself to the sudden disappearance of inflation psychology. Mr. Anderson believes that the economic outlook "is favourable, both for the near future and for many years ahead."

Leon Keyserling, Chief Economic Adviser to former President Truman, said that if total output turns down that is a recession and the GNP has gone down.

In line with the GNP report were the numerous quarterly reports by corporations, showing a decline in earnings in the third quarter. These quarterly reports had an immediate effect upon the stock market, causing a general retreat in stock prices.

The Dow-Jones Industrial Average fell 4.58 points, reaching 668.78.

Most pessimistic statement on the economy was made by economist Elliot Janeway, President of his research company, who warned that "the next recession will inherit a serious unemployment menace." He said the downturn may extend through 1961 and "could snowball into tomorrow's tailspin."

#### Bank of England statement

London, Oct. 23. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Oct. 19 said as follows:

Notes in circulation £2,100,000,000. Reserves £1,000,000,000. Government securities £1,000,000,000. Other assets £1,000,000,000. Total £5,100,000,000.

### HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done at the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$1,820,000. New quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HK Bank	1320	1325	100 @ 1322
Bank of China	100	100	20 @ 1325
Bank of Communications	100	100	20 @ 1325
Bank of East Asia	200	210	100 @ 1325
Bank of India	100	100	20 @ 1325
Bank of Japan	100	100	20 @ 1325
Bank of Korea	100	100	20 @ 1325
Bank of London	100	100	20 @ 1325
Bank of Mexico	100	100	20 @ 1325
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Bank of Portugal	100	100	20 @ 1325
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## Reds said promoting strikes to disrupt Western trade

Oslo, Oct. 23. A Norwegian business magazine suggested that the Communists have launched a campaign for disrupting Western trade by promoting strikes in harbour and on ships.

### Captain returns to wrecked ship

London, Oct. 23. Captain John Homantas, skipper of the shipwrecked Greek freighter Argo Delos, who was evacuated from his stricken vessel earlier today, decided tonight to spend the night aboard his ship, despite all warnings.

The ship ran aground yesterday morning on the rocky coast of North Ireland. The Captain will spend the night alone, even though the ship's radio was now useless.

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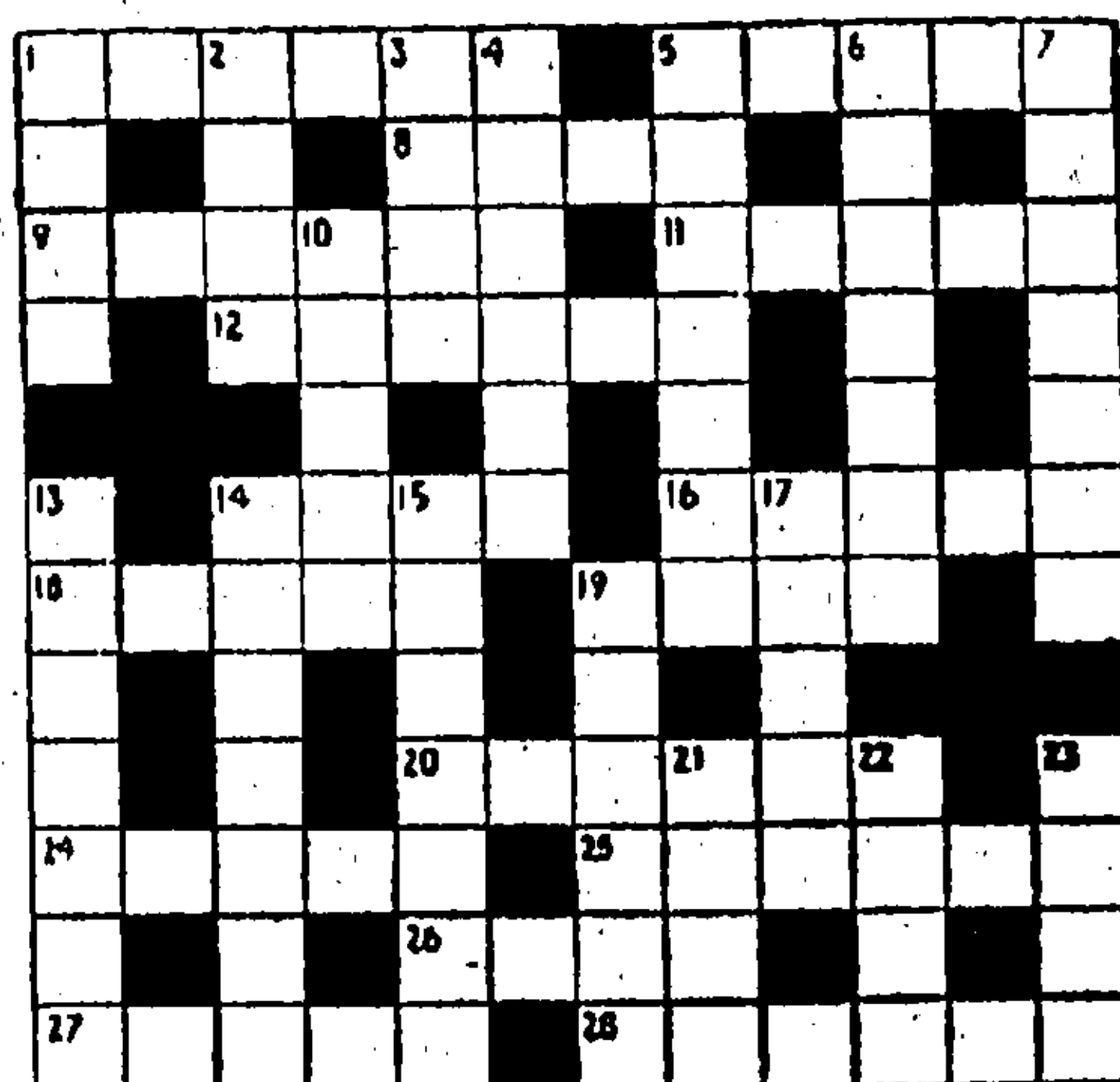
The Captain it was understood still believed that his ship could be refloated, when the sea is calmer, despite the contrary opinion of salvage experts and the British Admiralty.

Homantas will be flown back to his ship by a helicopter from the British frigate Leopard, which had taken aboard the skipper and the last remaining crewmen this afternoon, when the Argo Delos seemed doomed. —AFP.

#### Perplexed

New York, Oct. 23. The supervisors at National Bureau of Standards were perplexed when one of its computers used to translate Russian into English kept recording the phrase "water goat" while translating a Russian engineering paper. After much checking, according to Newsweek magazine, it was discovered the "water goat" was the machine's translation of "hydraulic ram." —UPI.

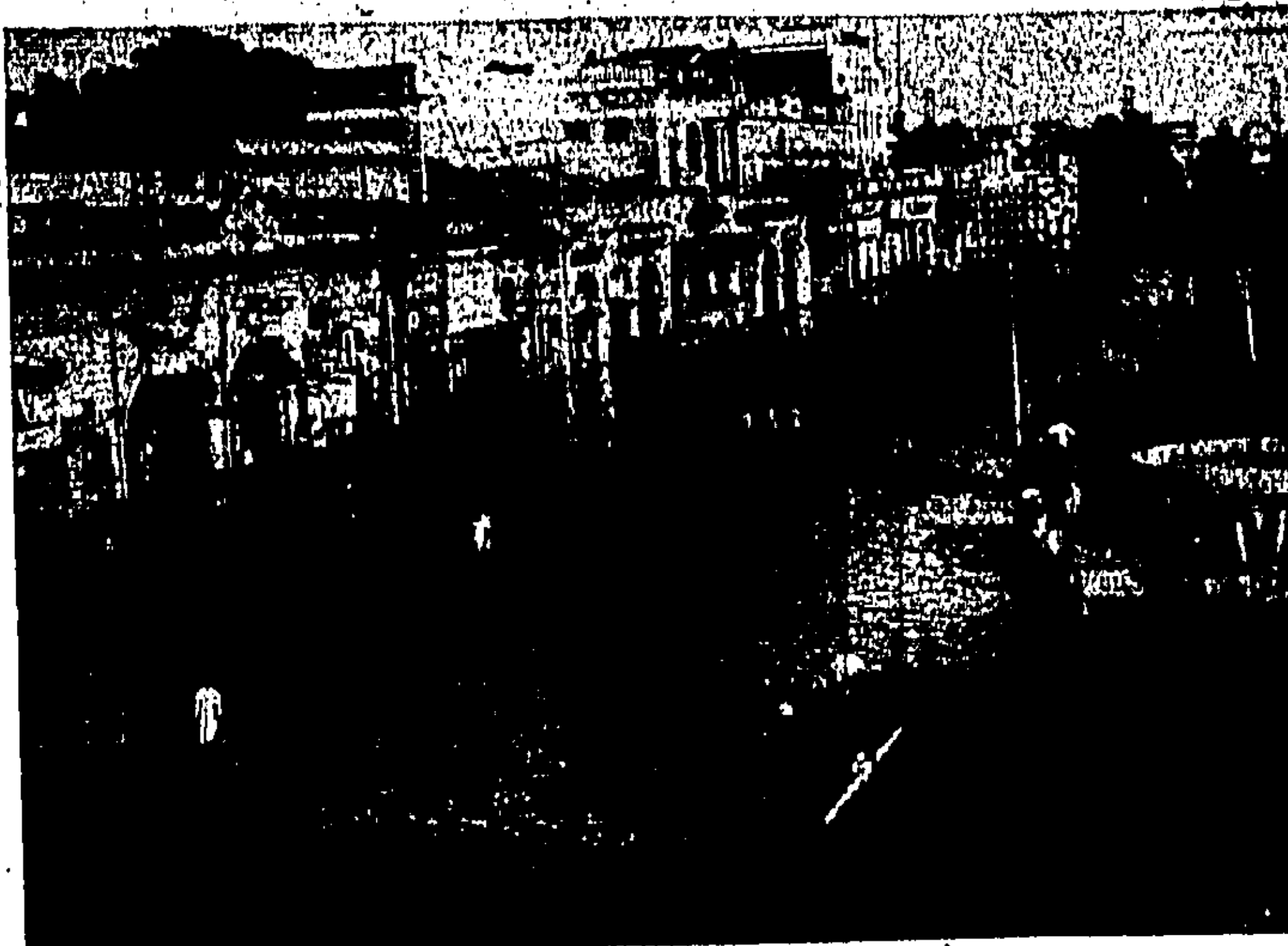
### A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- In elegant posture. (8)
  - Gels to the bottom of things? (6)
  - Overhead illumination! (4)
  - Sweetmeat. (6)
  - Burdened by the French study. (5)
  - Does some adapting. (6)
  - Out of shape. (4)
  - It's always happening. (5)
  - People. (5)
  - Brought into being. (4)
  - Article seldom seen. (6)
  - Mac? (5)
  - Cash register phrase. (2, 4)
  - Animal fat. (4)
  - Not, it seems, a catchy composition. (8)
  - Relatives of Jim Crow? (6)
- DOWN**
- Strike you as footwear? (4)
  - Capital Italian girl. (4)
  - Let or title. (4)
  - Right up to date. (8)
  - Under-pillow support. (7)
  - How a horse is burdened. (7)
  - Shakespeare wrote some. (7)
  - Street of speed. (5)
  - Snapped again. (7)
  - What a number! (7)
  - Closest and meanest. (7)
  - Tailor's waistcoat. (6)
  - Ignition necessary. (6)
  - "..." in a foreign language. (4)
  - Key university? (4)
  - Minus quantity. (4)

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Locum, 4 Bel-lows, 8 Saints, 10 Chute, 12 Elched, 14 Sweetest, 17 Read, 19 Rewards, 20 Interim, 22 Seen, 23 Landing, 27 Delele, 29 Bride, 30 Editor, 31 Remade, 32 Yarns. Down: 1 Lips, 2 Chime, 3 Motet, 5 Bach, 6 Louder, 7 Wield, 9 Sterile, 11 Her-sie, 13 Crept, 15 Wine, 16 Sympath, 18 A-den, 20 Isopar, 21 Tedium, 24 Noddy, 26 Inter, 28 Gores, 29 Lark.

## Floods in India



The Army has been called in for the relief of the city of Lucknow, capital of Uttar Pradesh State in Northern India, and the vast surrounding area which has been flooded when the Gomati river overflowed as a result of three days of heavy rains. The city of Lucknow has been submerged by river floods of 6 to 12 feet depth since October 9. About 8,000 persons are reported to be isolated in the Dalganj area. Picture shows an important shopping centre of the town of Lucknow, Northern India, submerged by floods. — Express photo.

### 'Dial B'

Amsterdam, Oct. 23. A unique telephone system enabling students at Delft Technological University to "dial" the library book they require is being installed here, according to the university's librarian, Dr L. J. Van Der Wolk.

When the catalogue number of the required book is dialled the library stock room receives a light signal indicating the exact place where the book is stored. The book reaches the student via a conveyor belt system. — China Mail Special.

#### BRITISH INDUSTRY

The periodical pointed out that the fully-man strike which was called off in London recently, did enormous harm to the British shipping industry and Britain's export industry.

"The strike was absolutely ridiculous in its origin and so are a number of strikes around the world which particularly aim at hurting labour facilities and thereby damaged trade facilities and the shipping industry.

"Several of these strikes are so similar in nature and origin that it is obvious they are organised with a certain purpose."

"This purpose could hardly be to better conditions for the workers in a saturated market and with surplus shipping facilities there would not be much room for gain in wage levels, particularly as such are generally decided with price indexes," the periodical said. — AP.

### 8 YEARS' JAIL FOR RED LEADER

Lisbon, Oct. 23. Maria Alda Barbosa Nogueira, 37, one of the leaders of the underground Communist party in Portugal, has been sentenced to eight years imprisonment and loss of political rights for 15 years, by the plenary court of Lisbon.

She was found guilty last night of contributing to the Communist clandestine party newspaper, distributing subversive pamphlets and collecting funds for the "unlawful" party. — AP.

### FOUR DIE, 14 HURT IN WAVE OF TERRORISM

## Grenade, gun fights in Paris, Lyons

Paris, Oct. 23. Four men were killed and 14 injured today in attacks by Algerian terrorists in Paris and Lyons.

Three Algerian terrorists hurled a grenade into a Lyons cafe, fatally injuring two men and wounding seven others. Police said the cafe was frequented by a rival Algerian group.

Paris police reported two Algerians killed and seven Muslim Auxiliary Police injured when Algerians armed with

pistols and machine guns attacked the auxiliaries. Several assailants were captured after a chase.

Paris police Chief Maurice Papon later visited the scene of the attack and took control of operations.

Police said 24 policemen have been killed by Algerians in Paris

in the last three years. Twelve others were killed in the same period in the Provinces.

The Auxiliary Muslim Police unit, consisting of volunteers who served with the French Army, was created last year to protect Algerian workers and students from insurgent fund collectors.

In today's Paris incident, grenades were thrown and sub-machine guns fired at five Left-Bank police stations manned by the auxiliaries.

The assailants pointed their guns at two taxi drivers and ordered them to drive them off at top speed.

The cars were soon in hot pursuit and shots were exchanged through the streets of two Left-Bank districts until one of the taxis was stopped and the attackers arrested. One of them had been injured by police fire.

The second taxi driver later reported to a police station, stating the men had ordered him to stop and had escaped. — Reuter.

## Churchill's 'wooden' navy failure told in new book

London, Oct. 24. The full inglorious history of Britain's "phantom fleet"—a war winning Churchillian idea that never quite came off has been told in a book just published.

Mr Winston Churchill produced the idea as the young and imaginative First Lord of the Admiralty in 1914. The idea was to fit out ordinary merchant ships with gun turrets and fighting gear made from wood and canvas to deceive German U-boats.

The decoy vessels were to be armed with wooden guns that fired puffs of smoke at the enemy, to help in the impersonation.

Britain's proud admirals looked down their noses at the idea during World War I and, though 15 were built on Churchill's urgent orders, they were quietly returned to merchant service shortly after Churchill left office.

#### WORLD WAR TWO

With the outbreak of the second world war, Mr Churchill tried it again, and again they failed to win favour among the fighting chiefs of the Royal Navy.

Commanders-in-chief spurned their assistance, weather destroyed their makeup and one of them—the dummy aircraft carrier Hermes—wrecked herself in the North Sea.

In a book entitled "The Phantom Fleet," A. Cecil Humphreys details this spotted history of the wars and recounts the few engagements in which the ships actually participated.

Early in 1915 the dummy cruiser Tiger—in reality the freighter Merion—was spotted in the Aegean Sea by a German submarine.

The Merion followed a zig-zag course, playing the role of a warship perfectly—so perfectly, in fact, that it was torpedoed and sunk.

#### NOBLEST

But the triumphant Germans were astonished to see, as the ship itself went under, that the gun turrets and superstructure just floated away.

Noblest of Churchill's phantom fleet was the old battleship Centurion, used rather World War I as a target ship for training.

#### Wine Cargo

Venice, Oct. 23. Three thousand bottles of wine fell into the Venice lagoon at a point where it is more than 33 feet deep when a barge overturned today. Fragments of the barge have been used to salvage the cargo. — China Mail Special.

'West must keep its nuclear weapons'

## Hugh Gaitskell seeks re-election

Cardiff, Oct. 23. The Labour Party leader Mr Hugh Gaitskell, who is under strong attack from the Party's left wing, tonight announced his intention of seeking re-election to leadership of the party when its executive meets on Wednesday to nominate candidates.

Mr Gaitskell, who was addressing the South Wales Labour Party group, was warmly applauded when he made his declaration of intention.

#### Fatal

He has been under heavy fire since he defied the left wing of the Party on the issue of unilateral atomic disarmament at the party's conference in Scarborough a fortnight ago.

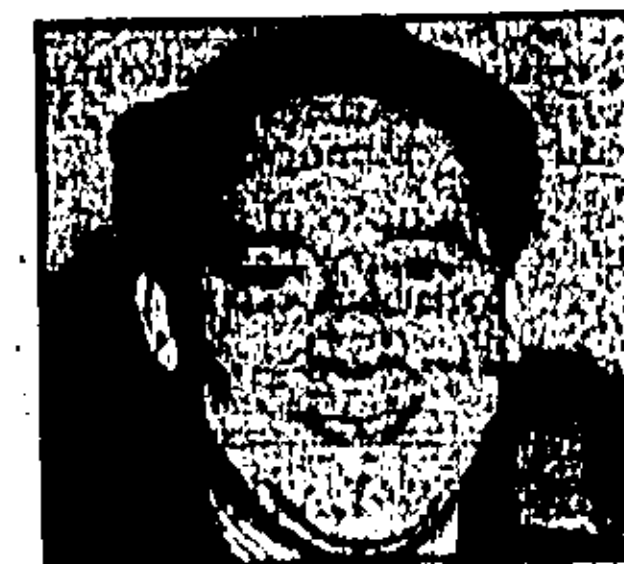
In his speech tonight, Mr Gaitskell reaffirmed that the West must keep its nuclear weapons and that Britain must maintain her alliances.

Mr Gaitskell said that to fight an election on unilateral nuclear disarmament and neutralism would be literally fatal to our Party.

"So long as the Soviet Union possesses nuclear weapons, the West must have nuclear weapons available.

"If you take away nuclear from the West you are giving the Soviet Union a temptation which would be too great for them to resist. They would not have to drop these things—only threaten it, and what could the West do?" he added.

Mr Gaitskell declared: "I believe it is imperative that the Labour MPs should stand by the principles they believe in—principles on which they were returned to Parliament, the principles of multilateral disarmament and collective security—and stand accordingly against neutralism and unilateralism." — AFP and Reuter.



GAITSKELL

### New grenade launcher

New York, Oct. 23. Mr Wilbur Brucker, the Secretary of the Army, said last night the United States now had "an amazing new aluminium-barrelled grenade launcher" which gave the Infantryman much more firepower.

Mr Brucker said that all American anti-aircraft guns were "now retired" to be replaced by missiles. The United States collection of guided missiles gave the army "the capability to apply fire with pinpoint accuracy."

Speaking at a meeting of the veterans of foreign wars, he said such weapons were capable of "preventing limited wars from erupting into a nuclear conflagration that could leave the world in ashes." — Reuter.

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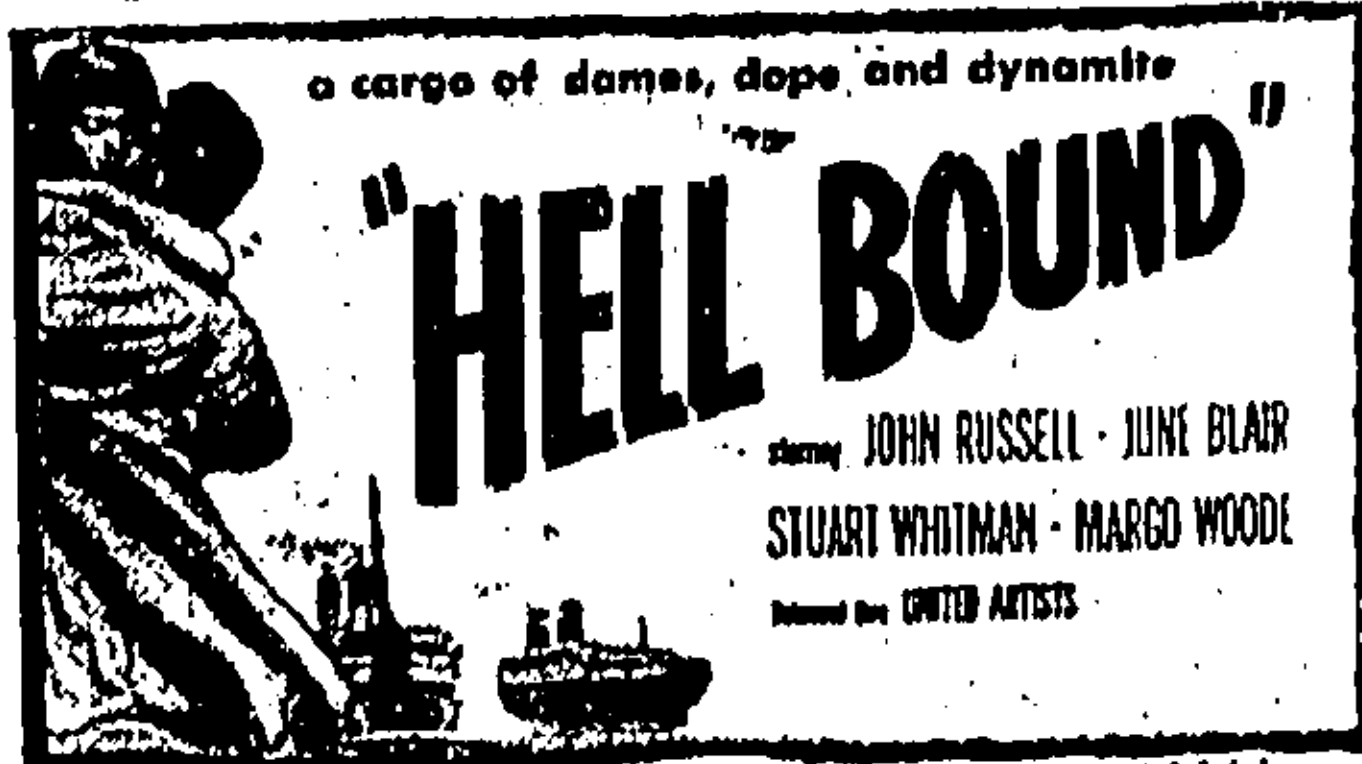






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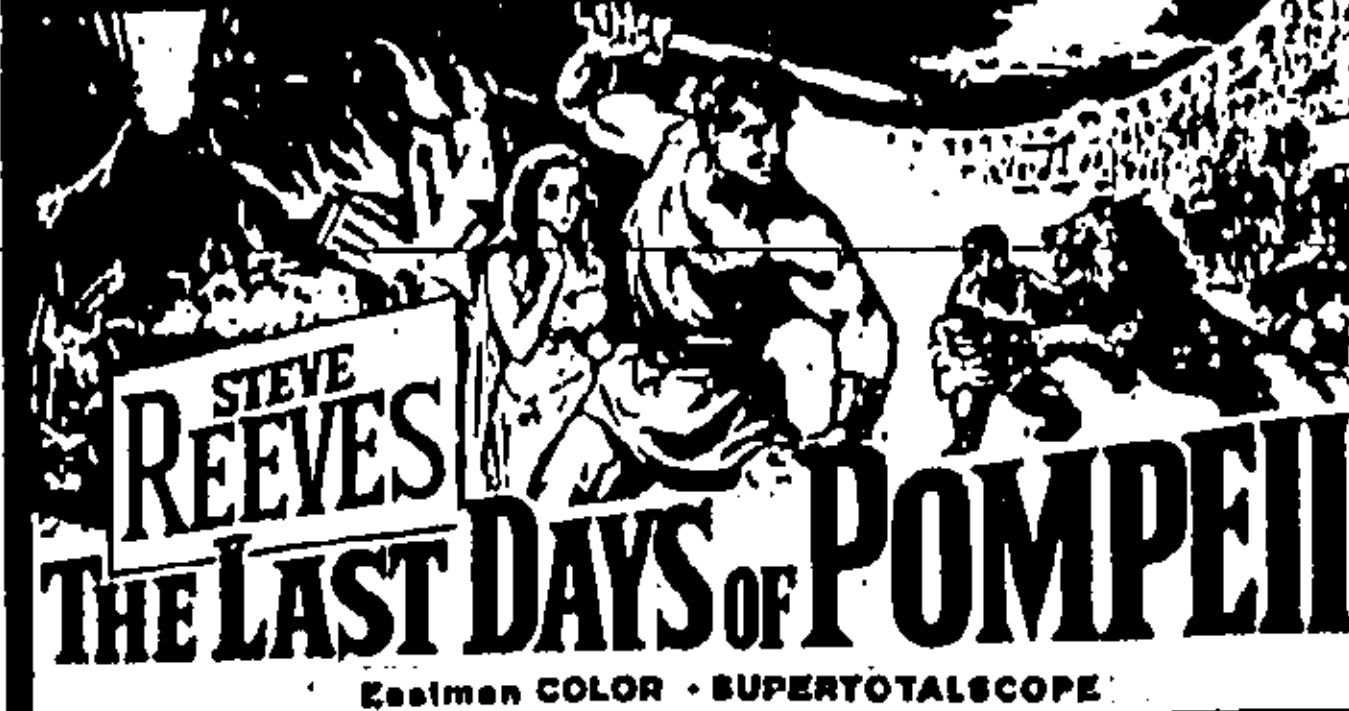
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## KINSEY REPORT ON FAIRIES

First account of  
little people's  
sex life

London, Oct. 23.

An unmarried lady who believes in fairies said today she is compiling the world's first account of their sex life.

It is all on a very high plane. Kissing and cuddling go on among these delicate creatures, but the actual mating process is a matter of thought vibrations.

Miss Marjorie Johnson, the author, is secretary of the Fairy Lore Society in Nottingham.

Constables  
appeal  
against jail  
sentence

Two police constables, Yeung Fung and Ip Ho, appeared at the Appeals Court this morning before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. E. Gregory, and Mr. Justice R. H. Mills-Owens.

They were appealing against a sentence of 14 months passed on them by a magistrate after their arrest on March 14 for corruptly receiving HK\$20 from Chang Kau, a police supervisor, as a reward for their showing favour in the matter of recording a change of address.

Mr. H. R. B. How, counsel for the appellants, said that in his opinion there was insufficient evidence to convict the first witness for the prosecution, Chang Kau, was unreliable, as there were discrepancies in his evidence.

He could not understand why the magistrate who convicted the two constables had not noted the discrepancies.

That magistrate had said in his findings that he was impressed by Chang Kau's obvious desire to mend his way of life.

But said Mr. How, the man had eight previous convictions. The appeal is continuing.

"It has taken me years of study to win the friendship of the fairies and discover the secrets of their sex life," said Miss Johnson, a middle-aged lady with severe straight hair parted in the middle.

"I have learned that in Fairyland there is no marital intercourse as we understand it. When two fairies are mutually attracted they kiss and cuddle just as we do."

"You could say that they dabble in the forecourts of love and desire."

"But because they live on a higher plane than we do, they know where to draw the line when it comes to peeping."

"If they find they are deeply in love and want a fairy baby they vanish into the astral plane, which is invisible to human beings."

There, said Miss Johnson, the thought vibrations get to work. "The fairy lovers use cosmic forces to consummate their desire," she explained.

"The fairy mother-to-be is fertilised by a thought-process — you could call it wishful thinking."

Miss Johnson said her report was compiled through her own observations and those of interested humans in Britain and Ireland, which is well known as a popular centre for the little people."

## Unacceptable

She pointed out in an interview, however, that fairies sometimes live in a way that is unacceptable to many human beings.

They are bisexual and polygamous and share each other's wives, husbands and children. "After all," Miss Johnson said, "monogamy is merely a convention."—AP.

Choral concert by  
Williamson choir

By D. E. GRAY

AS the culminating point in a series of Seminars for Choral Music, Friday evening at St. Paul's Co-educational College saw the performance of a choir of more than 100 voices in a varied programme, ranging from folk song and spirituals to selections from Handel's Messiah.

"The choir, made up of singers and teachers of singing from many schools all over Hong Kong, was conducted by the world-known choral conductor John Finley Williamson, a visitor to the Colony, and the founder of the Westminster Choir (U.S. not U.K.).

To assemble a choir of 140 voices in Hong Kong is a prodigious task at any time, but to be able to do so in a short space of time, and to perform publicly in a very creditable way, with only four rehearsals, is nothing short of miraculous.

That this did in fact occur is due entirely to the stimulating presence of Dr. Williamson, and to the untiring efforts of the Hon. Organisers, Miss Maple Quon and Mrs. Leatrice Lee, who acted on behalf of the Music Society, the Impresario organisation under whose auspices Dr. Williamson conducted this series of seminars.

There was no doubt that the male section of the choir was better than its female counterpart. This female voice were, in the first half unable to reach the higher registers with ease, and when they did were unable to sustain them. Occasionally there was difficulty in intonation and some raggedness was evident in "Gloria" from the 12th Mass.

However, when after the interval the choir sang the selections from the Messiah, they were very much improved, and it was with real pleasure that I listened to this glorious work of Handel, ending with the "Hallelujah" Chorus, which they sang magnificently.

Eric Smith, at the piano, accompanied them in his usual competent fashion.

This concert was most instructive in that it indicated

that here in Hong Kong we can, albeit our critics dispute this, produce a choir on a large scale — and a good one, at that. The future of choral music in the future of this size, or even larger, could be formed for the purpose of singing with full orchestra such works as Handel's "Messiah" and Faure's "Requiem".

Harnessing tides  
in the Channel

New York, Oct. 23.

French engineers are planning to harness the tides on the French side of the English Channel with a new type of hydroelectric plant which can yield up to half of France's electricity needs, a New York University symposium has been told.

Addressing the symposium Professor Leopold Benoit, an hydraulics consultant to President de Gaulle, said the plan called for a 20-mile dam equipped with underwater

## SOUTH CHINA PHILHARMONIC

A much-improved  
orchestra

But still leaves a lot to be desired

By D. E. GRAY

THE works performed by the South China Philharmonic Orchestra at their concert at Wah Yan College, Kowloon, on Saturday were: Fingal's Cave Overture by Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 40 in G Minor by Mozart, excerpts from Bizet's L'Arlesienne Suite No. 1, Good Morning March by Cheung Wing-sou, Meditation by Glazounov, Barcarolle from The Tales of Hoffman by Offenbach, In a Persian Market by Ketyby, and Gounod's Ballet Music from Faust.

I understand that this orchestra includes in its ranks a considerable number of players who in Hong Kong are sometimes described as "students" and that no one is paid professionally. It consists of some 40 players organised on the lines of a symphony orchestra. From a glance at the players it was obvious that quite a number also play in at least one other orchestra in Hong Kong.

It is probably quite inaccurate to say that any orchestra in Hong Kong employs or obtains the services of players from some other orchestra. It is probably more accurate to say that there is a set of orchestral players who, to some extent, hold key positions, who are not associated with any particular orchestra, but who play in all or at least several of them.

Whatever may be the advantages or otherwise of such a system, from the listener's point of view each orchestra has to be judged as a separate entity. It is some time since I heard the South China Orchestra, and there is no doubt they have improved considerably in the last two years. Their first violin section is not at all bad, although they were incapable of taking anything fast.

Their intonation and precision was generally fairly reasonable, within strict limits. The other string sections, particularly the cellos, were poor. The basses were often flat and they and the cellos tended to drag in some of their entries.

Fingal's Cave was taken too slow, and intonation in the woodwind and brass was bad throughout. The first trumpet was uniformly sharp on every occasion. The only woodwind players who seemed to be in tune with the violins were the two clarinetists.

These two players are by no means accomplished, but throughout the evening they at least played in tune with one another and they were at the same pitch as the first violins, for which the audience was truly grateful.

The Mozart Symphony was rather monotonous. The general intonation of the whole ensemble was fair in some parts, and poor in others. The Andante dragged, and the Minuet was a disappointment.

The horns were terrible. Indeed it was largely a hit or a miss throughout the evening whether they got the note or cracked it.

The effect of the clear, tuneful notes of the clarinet in the Minuet were completely offset by the answering phrases of the oboe. The sophisticated warbling manner in which this instrument was played at times seemed to be quite out of place for Mozart's music. The first oboist, who is normally a good player, did not play well on Saturday.

The last movement of the Symphony was taken far too slowly, but I don't think the Orchestra could have taken it any faster. The development section of the movement at one point developed into a rather sluggish rumble, but the work ended brightly and confidently.

I think a good deal of rehearsal had been given to the Symphony and I am sure this Orchestra could not have played it nearly as well two years ago. Of the libretto in the second half Offenbach's Barcarolle was perhaps the most enjoyable.

It seems to me that more could be done to improve general intonation in this orchestra; but considering the present low general standard of technical competence of most of the players, I imagine they will have to be very careful in their choice of works.

However, any organisation which gives young people a chance to learn the elements of symphonic music should be encouraged, and I am sure all music-lovers will wish them well.

ARMY TELLS  
CALL-UP BOY  
'WE'RE FULL'

Vienne, Austria. Gerhard Glanzig, 19, was working in Dusseldorf, West Germany, when he received his call-up papers for the Austrian army.

He gave up his job as a clerk and reported for duty, but his colonel told him there was no room for him. The barracks were full. "We never really expected you to leave Germany," said the colonel.

Gerhard protested that he had given up a good job and travelled 800 miles to serve his country. He had nowhere else to go.

The colonel found a solution. Gerhard took the place of a sick soldier. When that man recovers Gerhard will replace the next on the sick list, and so on, until his nine-month service is ended.

## Giant telescope

East Berlin, Oct. 23.

A giant reflecting telescope, with a seven-foot mirror has been put into service at the Tautenburg Observatory, north of Jena, in Thuringia, the East German News Agency, ADN reports. The telescope, built by the nationalised Zeiss works at Jena for the Government at a cost of about \$1,000,000, is at present the largest in Europe, the agency said.—China Mail Special.

## Lee Astor

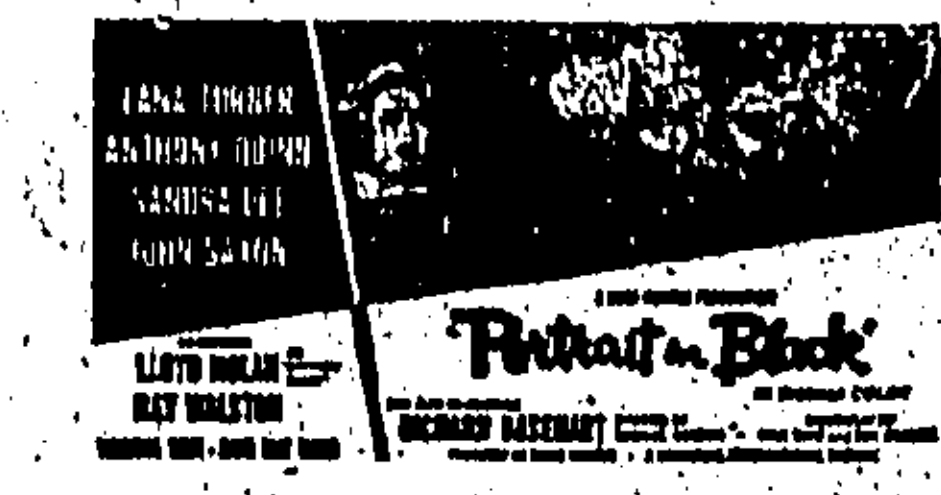
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RECENTLY, I met two entrancing old ladies. Each with quite extraordinary appeal and charm. And each in so many ways like the other that, at first glance, you might swear there was only one old lady. And, you might be right.

Their points of similarity:—

Both are in their late eighties. Both are fringe members of a royal family. Both have had to flee their countries, and are now living out their exiles in Paris. Both have long, lustrous memories of the good old days—before they had to sell their jewels to live. And both have written their memoirs.

But there is one great difference: Only one of these old ladies is real.

She is very real. Her memoirs are the genuine article. Poignant. Often sad. And true.

The other old lady is merely a spoof. Her memoirs, a lulling parody of all royal memoirs.

Which is which?

See if you can figure it out. If, from extracts from their life stories, you can tell the real old lady from the tongue-in-cheek impersonator.

## THE FIRST OLD LADY:—

Still spry, but today very poor, she lives in a Left Bank convent. "I have my own room; though small, it is clean. The Mother Superior here is very kind, and the restrictions are not great."

## Ball dress

In a battered old trunk, she keeps her few possessions. "Folded carefully is an old ball dress, the one I wore at the Jubilee celebrations."

Among her memories:—

"Of my father, the Duke Alexis Ludwig, I can remember little. (but) I can recall when three and a half years old, dressed in brocade and with a crisp blue anglaise, with a crisp blue sash, my father carrying me in to my uncle, the archduke."

She grew up in a minor court, in a minor European monarchy. Her most distinguished close relative was her aunt, the tightly beautiful Grand Duchess Maria Hedwig. It was this aunt who moulded her life.

"My aunt looked at me with that mocking glance. 'A penniless splinter, the daughter of a minor prince, has no place in the great world. You must marry, and marry well.'"

Not pretty or gifted, our heroine was willing to be "fitted for any role that destiny should decree for me to play."

## Agitators

And destiny was marriage with a nobleman.

The marriage was not a success. Her husband was cold towards her, and in only a few years there was a family scandal, which necessitated her immediate departure. "I retired to the Italian and French Riviera, to Ajaccio and the acacias. To Frejus and the bougainvilleas. Seven years elapsed, years of exile."

It was to be a lifetime of exile. Bolshevik agitators, and the family feud, made it impossible for her to return home. Not

schooling for employment, she lived as best she could.

Years of hardship were followed by a brief lecture tour in America.

Even a job playing the piano in a movie house didn't last. Once more she had to move. This time back to Europe.

In Paris came the final humiliation. She became a washroom attendant.

And there, in the washroom, she met the Englishman who was to be her salvation. He insisted that she write her "oriented" life story. And it was he who found her refuge with the kindly nuns.

The baroness's memoirs end: "I cling to my memories here among the solemnly chanting nuns. I am no longer bitter, for only the very stupid or the very young know nothing of forgiveness. I have seen too much of life to allow nettles to take the fragrant columbines in my winter garden."

"I am content to live as an outcast. My part is played, my duty done. That is all I have to say."

## Now THE SECOND OLD LADY:—

Here is a much more glamorous life. Her career as a dancer once brought her great fame. Now, at 88, she works each day in her Paris ballet studio.

FIRST LOVE. "At 14 I had a first love, a very elegant young Englishman named Macpherson. Not that I was particularly in love with him, but this little love affair entertained me. On my birthday, Macpherson arrived with his fiancée. Could I put up with such an insult?"

She took Macpherson off to pick mushrooms in the woods. "By the end of the walk Macpherson had completely forgotten his fiancée. I was now a free girl of my young squire. But his marriage was permanently compromised."

SECOND LOVE. Even more elegant than Macpherson. A family feud, made it impossible for her to return home. Not

"These small gifts were very beautiful. The first of them a gold bracelet adorned with a large sapphire and diamond."

THIRD LOVE. A Grand Duke. The only drawback, his youth.

"M. A. Potolitzin, our fine dramatic actress and my great friend, never stopped teasing me and saying: 'Since when have you been interested in kids?' The grand duke was indeed nearly seven years younger than I!"

LOOT. On this, the sentimental of a double entry ledger.

On one occasion "...I received a vast number of gifts and 93 bouquets... several of them from... grand dukes and the... Prefect of Police."

On another bounteous occasion "...I cannot remember all these presents or hope to enumerate them, except... Andrew (the youthful grand duke) gave me the diamond..."

diadem... made from Prince Charming's design. The Grand Duke Serge gave me a mahogany chest, with gold rims, containing a collection of yellow diamonds of all sizes.... Javotovsky gave me a large elephant in a pink precious stone with ruby eyes....

FUN. A children's Christmas party at home. The entertainment, performing animals "...including a large elephant, which arrived wrapped up in check blankets. He was hidden in the cloakroom before the performance."

And the time, crossing the English Channel with Baron Gotsch (who "had a dread of the sea") when he sat "...in his pyjamas, sunk in a deck chair on the upper deck, while a compassionate sailor poured a bucket of water over his head."

## The sponsors

Which of these noble ladies' memoirs is a nonsense? And which is real?

It's not easy, is it?

Especially, as both are accompanied by the most impeccable sponsors.

The first old lady, the baroness, has been associated, in writing her story by court photographer Cecil Beaton.

That gives her, surely, a good claim to authenticity?

But the second old lady, who is a princess, has had her memoirs translated by Covent Garden director Arnold Haskell.

That points to authenticity too.

To see if your decision is right, read the real answer at the bottom of this page.

## Who is who?

THE first old lady, the Baroness von Bulop, is the impostor. Her "memoirs" MY ROYAL PAST are a cunningly spun fantasy by Cecil Beaton. The tone and style are dead-on accurate, the "family" photographs hugely funny—but any resemblance to real persons is purely coincidental.

The second old lady is real as taxes. She is now Princess Romanovsky-Krassinsky. Before that, she was Kachessinska—one of the greatest ballerinas Russia has ever produced.

Everything, a n d everyone, in her book, DANCING IN PETERSBURG, is real.

The royal prince, with whom she was so in love at 18, later became Czar Nicholas II. And, later still, was murdered with all his family during the Bolshevik Revolution of 1918.

The Grand Duke Andre was Czar Nicholas's cousin. It was by him Kachessinska had her son, Vova, and he whom she later married, while in exile in the South of France.

Nijinsky... Pavlova... Emperor Franz Joseph... Prince Yusseppoff... Rasputin... Empress Eugenie... these were Kachessinska's contemporaries. Like a pageant of historical ghosts, they float through the pages of her book.

Her story is a delight. Perhaps the last eyewitness account we will see, of a time when Grand Dukes were grand, when luxury meant more than owning a TV set, and when ballerinas danced down with red diamonds.

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# JOAN LITTLEWOOD

Had she been a civil servant, she would have been the most revolutionary civil servant in the business.

WITH tousled hair and determined look this combative woman in her mid-forties looks as though she has just come back from an Aldermaston march.

Miss Littlewood does hold left-wing political views. But the battleground of her revolution has been the stage.

## BY SIMON KAVANAUGH

Across the theatres of Britain, and through the law courts, she has led a crusade for freedom on the stage. Freedom from suburban drawing room (or as Miss Littlewood would say 'bourgeois') production.

Miss Littlewood's heroes do not sleep daintily through the french windows and say 'anyone for tennis?' More likely they kick the doors open and unleash a stream of most unenthusiastic language.

Or as unenthusiastic as Miss Littlewood is allowed by the Lord Chamberlain to make it.

## Shakespeare

Miss Littlewood's campaign is directed from the Theatre Royal, Stratford. Not the Stratford which nestles peacefully on the banks of the Avon and is steeped in the atmosphere of Shakespeare.

This is the other Stratford which peeks out on life through the smoke and grime of London's East End. It is here that the Theatre Workshop goes about its mission in bringing the theatre to the masses, with Miss Littlewood as producer, directing operations.

All of which might seem a very worthy cause, but frankly of no great significance.

But for the fact that, while the British Theatre has slumped from one flop to another—this year fourteen shows have come off after less than a fortnight—three of the top crowd-pulling shows of the year have been 'The Hostage, Make Me An Offer and Fings Ain't Wot They Used To Be'.

THE HOSTAGE is a play written by Brendan Behan. MAKE ME AN OFFER is a Wolf Mankowitz musical and FINGS AINT WOT THEY USED TO BE is a musical by Frank Norman and Lionel Bart.

All were produced by Joan Littlewood. All were censored and nurtured in her London back-street theatre.

New America acclaims the Littlewood approach. The show currently rocking Broadway is 'A Taste Of Honey', the play written by 19-year-old cinema usherette Shelagh Delaney and brought to full power by Joan Littlewood.

## Pilgrimage

This was the play written by usherette Delaney because she was sickened by the shabby stuff she constantly saw served up.

It was the same reason which started Joan Littlewood off on her pilgrimage. It began in 1939 from London.

She had won a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and been awarded a gold medal for microphone technique. But the London theatre, which she described as "posed, static and unexciting" was not for her.

A look round Paris, where she did a bit of painting, proved no more fruitful—and exhausted her meagre savings.

When she got back to London, her material possessions amounted to a piece of cheese and a penny. With these slaved in her handbag she set off for the industrial North, sleeping behind hedges and in fields. The fields also provided most of her food in the form of corn and turnips. She also begged.

## Willingly

After a month she arrived at Burton-on-Trent where, in a state of near collapse, she was given food and shelter by a family of whom she says: "They had not enough to live on themselves, but they willingly shared their all with me."

In the North Miss Littlewood also found people whose acting ideals were in sympathy with her own. In Manchester she formed the Theatre Union, an amateur company whose reputation spread throughout the North of England. The world was their stage as they acted from the backs of lorries in market places and even from the steps of public baths.

War brought disbandment of the group. Their current production was regarded as mocking the Chamberlain government and after a visit by detectives the show was closed.

## Banned

The war also brought perhaps the most incredible phase to Miss Littlewood's career. After a period when she was banned from defence areas in Britain this rebel against conformity wrote scripts for that bastion of orthodoxy, the B.B.C. This lasted until she was banned for alleged Communist views.

In fact she was not and is not a Communist.

After the war the Manchester group got together again and formed the professional Theatre Workshop. For eight and a half years they travelled the roads of Britain and Europe.

They came to grips at Stratford in 1953. The pastures did not meet with the approval of the Arts Council who grudgingly gave a grant of only £1,000 a year.

## Freedom

This then is the freedom trail that for the most part has been trodden rather than blazed by Joan Littlewood.

Stage freedom for Miss Littlewood means freedom of approach and expression by actors and producers. To her, the original script is merely basic raw material. She takes it to pieces and then with the cast builds it up into the play.

Even Shakespeare has not been immune from the Littlewood treatment. Her production of Macbeth began with a man facing a firing squad, continued in like modernistic vein and ended with dive bombers roaring over shell holes.

She encourages actors to improvise in rehearsals and would like to carry this improvisation into the actual performance. The law of the land would have it, and indeed has it, otherwise.

So it was that Miss Littlewood found herself appearing at West Ham Magistrate's Court and fined £2 for letting actors improvise after the script had been approved by the Lord Chamberlain.

## Genius

Her general approach stems from a belief that everyone has genius, like the Cumberland shepherd she once interviewed who suddenly revealed a flair for poetry.

Certainly many theatre people feel that Miss Littlewood shows genius in bringing greatness out of others.

A criticism of Miss Littlewood is that she has got so wrapped up in her cause that she is in danger of swooping West End clichés for East End ones.

But none can deny that her crusade has flourished, that the rebel leader has become prime minister.



## CEDRIC CARNE

# When cramp keeps you awake...

MRS. Gardiner looked at the alarm clock. It was 4 o'clock. Why did John have the light on in the middle of the night? "John, are you all right?" she asked. Her husband sat in the chair looking sorry for himself. "It's all right, dear, don't worry. Just cramp in my leg again. It woke me up."

Mrs. Gardiner persuaded her husband to come and visit her. He had had cramp pains in his calf on several consecutive nights and they were interrupting his sleep.

"The first thing to do is to stop worrying," I said. "Night cramps such as you've experienced are very common. Seven people in 10 over the age of 50 have them—sometimes in their legs, sometimes in the soles of their feet or their toes, sometimes even in their hands."

"Well, I'm glad I'm not just an odd man out, but I'm not yet 50," protested Mr. Gardiner. Muscular cramps at night affect all age groups. Some people seem to be more predisposed to them than others, that's all. Most sufferers enjoy excellent health; in only a few cases are night cramps associated with some disability, such as arthritis or varicose veins.

"Let's have a look at your legs," I said. "You make me feel I'm being auditioned for a gladiator in some historical film," grumbled Mr. Gardiner.

I decided that if he had varicose veins I would persuade him to raise the foot of his bed about nine inches. That generally cures night cramps when they are associated with varicose veins. But his legs were perfect. "You mean I've got the part," Mr. Gardiner joked.

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"Well, I'm certainly glad you brought me along to see what the Wolfenden Committee wants the taxpayer to subscribe £5,000,000 towards!"

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## QUOTE

—by Mr. J. D. G. Troup, surgeon, in the Lancet today:—

THE more we can learn from the disabilities and difficulties experienced by athletes, the more we are likely to help the tired, middle-aged housewife to be less tired and to forget that she is middle-aged.

—by Sir Colin Anderson, chairman of the Minister of Education's 1958 committee to consider grants to students:—

THE view to which I incline is that though emotional entanglements between students can scarcely be prevented, the additional responsibilities and problems of marriage are not good for study and should be discouraged.

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## THE GUN THAT MISFIRED

### Cinema manager tells of encounter with armed man

A cinema manager told the Criminal Sessions how he struggled with a man who allegedly attacked him first with a pistol and then with a dagger in broad daylight. The manager, Mr Kan Ying-hon, of the Peiho Theatre in Shamshuipo, was giving evidence at the trial of two men, Mak Fu and Law Ping, on a charge of possession of arms and ammunition.

### Bus and tram in a jam

A driver trying to extricate his bus from a collision on Saturday evening caused more damage to the tram than in the original accident.

A No 10 bus travelling east along Des Voeux Road, outside Wellcome's, brushed against, and became locked with a tram heading in the same direction. The bus and tram were jammed tight and no amount of manoeuvring could extricate the bus.

Finally the driver drove forward. As the bus moved off it pulled out the main wooden support of the driver's cabin on the left-side of the tram and a metal plate from the front of tram.

In the original accident the side of the bus and tram were scraped and scratched.

The accident occurred at about 6 pm.

A musician, Kwong Lau, 31, of A4 Jordan Building, seventh floor, was fined \$25 by Mr E. Corbally at Central Court this morning on a charge of giving false information to a pawnbroker.

On October 23, the defendant pawned a watch for \$45 at the Tai Sang Pawnshop and told the broker that he lived at 8 Lee Yuen Tung-street, second floor.

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### Letters from you to the editor

## Wanted: A fighter for people's rights

### dear sir

selves. Your obedient servants when they are nothing of the sort. If there is any Mr Albert Hadcock (or any kind of queer fish) who would be a public benefactor by becoming a "Public Litigant" (at his own expense, of course) he will receive the eternal gratitude of a much harassed public, particularly that section of the populace called off from the Queen's Highway. Meanwhile we must sheepishly obey the law while knowing that it is an ass.

ENRY RED 'ERRING.

### dear sir

### Macao Bem Vinda

Thank you for your excellent editorial, Anglo-Luso friendship will ever remain eternal. Alas that famous fable "THE LION AND THE MOUSE" both have been and will always be of equal useful value to each other.

Sorrowful at the British surrender of this emerald Isle I made a hasty retreat to Macao. First British subject there, months and months before the first contingent of refugees could land, I was there. Macao certainly was an oasis in the desert. Soon after the arrival of the first or second contingent, there was an entertainment for refugees to bolster their spirits.

His Excellency Senhor Gabriel Teixeira, then the Governor, appeared on the stage and in extending his arms wide open, he assured that Macao will receive refugees of every colour, creed and nationality and in his own words "you shall eat what we have to eat" and "Bem Vindos todos."

Whereas Our Lord Jesus made the miracle of the loaves and fishes for a multitude of a few hundred once only, Macao with the blessing of God caused the miracle to be repeated three meals a day for about five years.

Even today, fifteen years after the war, there are camps in Macao charitably harbouring refugees from all parts of the Far East and irrespective whether they are Portuguese citizens or otherwise. It is verily and truly said that as long as anyone has one

single drop of Portuguese blood and despite the country of his adoption, he still kindles that spark of respect and love for his Macao or Portugal.

Alas a bit of the Mediterranean transplanted on to murky waters, Macao believes in friendship and tranquility rather than the hustle and bustle of commercialism, yet everyone in Macao appears to be happy and as it had survived through much vicissitudes throughout centuries it will continue to be "Macao Sempre" in peace and friendship with all and sundry.

Defenceless, yet it has dignity to face and circumvent misfortune. Let brothers and cousins, Macao will always remain Macao and peaceful under the benign guidance of Blandeira Portuguesa and let us really hope that whenever our Macao Governor Senhor Jaime Marques visits Hongkong he will always find the Lusitano Club wholly intact and as his embassy where he may officially receive his guests here.

JOJO GUTZ.

### dear sir

### Insult

Please do not insult Hongkong by saying it will elect "The Last Days of Pompeii" one of the top ten films of the year, Mr Film Critic.

N. T. CHOW.

P. S. I wonder if the New York critics will elect the "outstanding" "Portrait in Black" one of the top ten films of the year.

### dear sir

### Refreshing

Your forthright "Comment of the Day" in your Friday issue came as a refreshing breath of air to a long suffering community.

It is to be hoped that you will continue your efforts in furthering the cause of the public against petty officialdom and red tape.

FAR FROM BEING GRUNTLED.

### Cars in chain collision

Four cars were involved in a chain collision when a car burst a tyre in Stubbs-road near "Queen's-road East" at 8.30 pm yesterday.

An occupant of the first car, So Cheung, 20, suffered concussion.

The four private cars were among the long line of cars coming back to town from Repulse Bay.

All four cars were damaged.

### Record takings at fair

Gross takings at Saturday's Michaelmas Fair at St John's Cathedral were more than \$55,000, the chaplain, Rev. John Foster said today.

This is a record for this annual event.

Last year's figure was more than \$44,000.

The Fair is held to raise funds for church work in the Colony.

### DRUGS SOLD ON ROOF

Wong Hung, 26-year-old unemployed man, living on the roof top of 15 New Market-street, was sentenced to two years jail by Mr E. Corbally at Central Court this morning when he pleaded guilty to possession of 63 packets of heroin.

Sub-Inspector Yip Tai-yau, prosecuting told the court that at 5.40 pm on October 2, Sub-Inspector Kennedy and a constable went to the roof of a tea house at the corner of Wing Lok-street and Bonham-strand West.

Insp Yip said Insp Kennedy saw the defendant through binoculars on a roof talking with five other Chinese men. Defendant went to the corner of the roof, took out something, and handed to one of the men. Later Insp Kennedy and the constable searched the roof and found drugs in a hole.

Defendant had 10 previous convictions including, larceny, assault and breach of deportation order.

### Disappointed with new cars

Mr Walter Sulke, Managing Partner of Zung Fu and Director of 2F Garages Ltd, who returned from Europe on Saturday said, after visiting the London and Paris Motor Shows, that he was "very disappointed at the very few improvements and new models appearing this year."

Mr Sulke said he shared the views of the majority of motorists regarding the lack of improvement in their business.

### Exemption application doubt

In response to an application for exemption from the Tenancy Tribunal, Mr B. V. Rhodes, this morning said he doubted whether a firm incorporated in Europe, the existing Landlord and Tenant Ordinance had power to apply for exemption to redevelop a site.

The applicants are the Sincere Insurance and Investment Co. Ltd, of Des Voeux-road, which was incorporated in 1948.

They want to demolish Nos 501 to 511 Shanghai-street, Kowloon and build a six-storey tenement flat building with shops on the ground floor. It would cost \$270,000.

Mr G. H. H. Gobly, of Johnston, Stokes and Co., said, pending for the application, said that though the Memorandum of Association of the company did not categorically state that they could redevelop the site, it was understood that such redevelopment was incidental to the conduct of their business.

Hearing continues.

### Lord Perth sees HK resettlement areas

The Earl of Perth, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, and Lady Perth visited a squatter area and a multi-storey resettlement estate in Kowloon this morning. They also inspected the Housing Authority's low-cost housing estates at So Uk and Kennedy Town.

Lord and Lady Perth were accompanied on the visit by the Commissioner for Resettlement Mr J. P. Ascarappa and the Acting Commissioner for Housing, Mr J. R. Birch.

The party first visited the squatter area at Valley-road, in the Hunghom district, where a disastrous landslide occurred during the heavy rainstorms in June last year, destroying 16 wooden huts and killing six people.

From Hunghom, the party went to the Shek Kip Mei Resettlement Estate, which is the largest and oldest of the resettlement estates built by Government.

Built on the site of the worst fire in Hongkong's history, Shek Kip Mei has a population of more than 35,000 people housed in 28 multi-storey blocks.

### Crossed harbour

From Shek Kip Mei, the party went to the Housing Authority's \$50 million housing estate at So Uk, in the Cheungshawan district. When completed by the middle of 1962, the estate will have 4,300 self-contained flats for the accommodation of some 22,600 people.

After driving to the Kowloon Public Pier, the party crossed the harbour to visit the Housing Authority's \$9 million Saiwan Chuen estate situated in Cadogan-street, Kennedy Town. This estate consists of five multi-storey blocks and houses some 4,200 people in 630 flats.

Mr Eugene McVillie, Assistant Under-Secretary of State of the Colonial Office, meanwhile went on a helicopter flight over the Colony with Mr D. C. C. Trench.

Mr McVillie later visited the Public Works Department in the Main Wing of the Central Government Offices in Lower Albert Road.

### Soldier charged

Pte John Joseph Tierney, 23, attached to the Northumberland Fusiliers, Stanley Fort, charged with disorderly conduct and assault appeared before Mr E. Corbally at Central Court this morning.

Tierney pleaded not guilty to both the charges and Mr Corbally fixed the date of hearing for October 27 at 10 am.

Tierney was alleged to have behaved in a disorderly manner in Gloucester-road near Lugard-road on October 23.

He was further alleged to have assaulted a Chinese man, Tang Poon in Gloucester-road on the same day.

### From the Files

## 25 years AGO

October 1935

FROM the SCM Post's 25 Years Ago column: "Quite a little furor has been created in the camp of licence holders of the Colony. The 'trade' is greatly agitated, and would like to have some definite pronouncement from the Government as to its intentions towards them."

"The notice sent out the other day announcing a decision of the Licensing Board not in any event to renew certain licences after November 30, 1935, with the court threat that upon any ground whatsoever they may terminate any of them before that date, makes no mention of compensation and is therefore considered a very arbitrary step and one which may mean heavy pecuniary loss to existing licence holders."

"It appears that out of the seventeenth hotels in the Colony only eleven have so far received notice, and the trade is greatly exercised in its mind as to why the notice is not a general one, why in fact, flesh has been made out of one and fowl out of another."

"There are also 46 clubs existing and not one of these has been threatened."

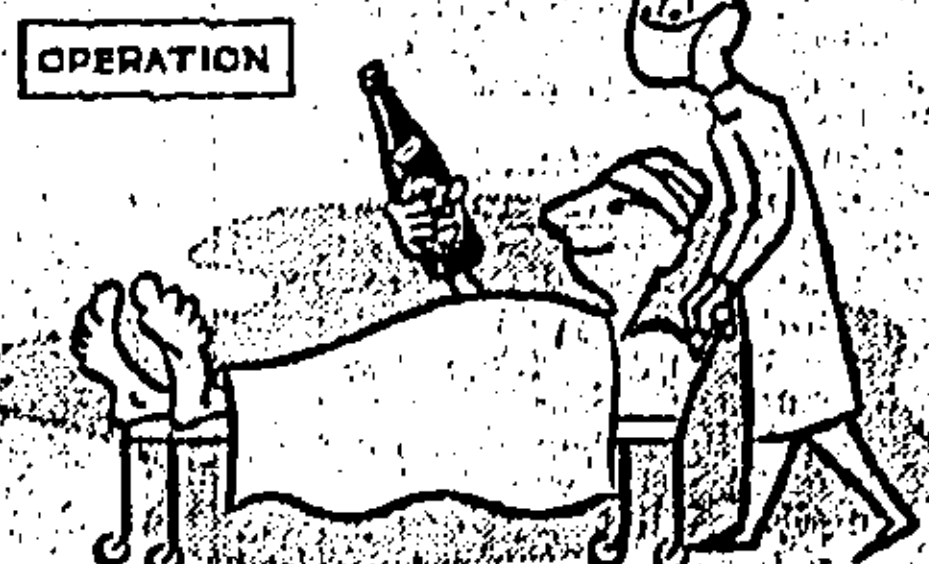
Unruly Wolomo tribesmen encamped outside Addis Ababa demonstrated outside the fortified house where the Italian Minister is confined, firing many shots. The Police were unable to restore order and the Imperial Guard was called out and dispersed several of them. The Emperor ordered the 25 ringleaders to be flogged.

HERE to help the Hongkong Travel Association make Hongkong famous, Mr Bonney Powell, the Far East editor of Fox Movietone News studios, arrived here yesterday by the President McKinley to survey the Colony preparatory to his "shooting it".

Mr Powell stated that he had visited Hongkong 11 years ago, but from what he had seen from the ship as it came up the harbour he judged it had changed a good deal since then.

After looking round thoroughly, the actual taking of photos for a news-reel showing the city will commence, probably within a very short time.

Either one or two cameramen are to arrive here within the next few days.



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